

REMARKS

This supplemental amendment is in response to the Office Communication (the "Communication") posted on February 4, 2009, stating that the Reply filed on November 7, 2008 (the "Reply") was not fully responsive to the Office Action of July 7, 2008 (the "Office Action"). The Application has been amended responsive to the Communication, and is believed to have been placed in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. Accordingly, it is believed that the application has been placed in condition for allowance.

The Communication states that all the dependent claims are improper because they depend from canceled claims.

The Communication further states that the Reply appears to be bona fide, and that it is only necessary to resubmit the claims section in proper format to be responsive to the Communication.

Accordingly, a new claim set is provided with this supplemental amendment to replace the claim set of the Reply.

In the replacement claim set, each of the dependent claims are revised to depend from an existing claim in the claim set. No other revision is made to the claim set by way of this supplemental amendment.

Entry of the replacement claim set is earnestly solicited.

From the foregoing, it will be apparent that applicants have fully responded to the February 4, 2009 Communication. In view of this, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims, as presented, and their early passage to issue.

In order to expedite the prosecution of this case, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the attorney for applicants at the number set forth below if the Examiner is of the opinion that further discussion of this case would be helpful.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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